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SUBJECT: DHEW/OE/IIS FOREIGN CURRICULUM CONSUTANT PROGRAM

LENODR RHYNE COLLEGE

REF: STATE 173499

1. DR. SOMSAKDI XUTO, CHAIRMAN CHULALONGKORN UNIVERSITY'S DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DIPLOMACY HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN PROGRAM ALTHOUGH THIS BRITISH-EDUCATED PH.D. IS NOT EDUCATOR PER SE, HE IS ONE OF THAILAND'S MOST RESPECTED AUTHORITIES IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, AND SEEMS PARTICULARLY ATTRACTED TO INSTITUTION-BUILDING CHARACTOR OF PEOJECT.

HOWEVER, BOTH POST AND CANDIDATE FEEL SOMSAKDI MAY INDEED BE OVER-QUALIFIED FOR POSITION COULD DEPARTMENT PROVIDE FRANK ASSESSMENT OF LENOIR PHYNE'S ABILITY TO TAP TALENTS OF SENIOR THAI ACADEMICIAN? SPECIFICALLY, IS THERE SUFFICIENTLY ENGLIGHTENDED CORE GROUP OF FACULTY OR ADMINISTRATORS WITH WHO CANDIATE COULD CONSULT?

2. IF DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT SOMSAKDI IS SUITABLE CANDIATE, TWO FURTHER PROBLEMS REMAIN TO BE SOLVED. DR. SOMSAKDI HAS LEARNED THAT RTG WOULD BE WILLING GRANT LEAVE, BUT WITHOUT PAY. THISWOULD MEAN ADDITIONAL BURDEN OF SUPPORTING HIS THAI HOUSEHOLD OUT OF POCKET. COULD LENOIR PHYNE BE PERSUADED TO GIVE EXTRA STIPEND OF APPROXIMATELY \$370 FOR EACH PROGRAM MONTH? CANDIDATE IS UNCLASSIFIED

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WIDOWER WITH NO CHILDREN

ALSO, SOMSKDI ABLE TO BEGIN PROGRAM DECEMBER 1, 1973.
BUT WISHES TO RETURN TO THAILAND NO LATER THAN MID-JUNE 1974.
TO BEGIN NEW THAI UNIVERSITY YEAR.

3. IF DR. SOMSAKDI NOT ACCEPTBLE FOR ANY COMBINATION THESE
REASONS. POST REGRETS UNABLE TO FIND ANOTHER CANDIDATE BEFORE
SEPTEMBER 30 DEADLINE.

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